

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, rejected for various reasons, have been cancelled. Submitted herewith are new claims which Applicant believe define patentable subject matter.

§ 102 Rejection

Claims 1-13 and 15, rejected under § 102 based on either Elmore reference (U.S. 6,234,241 B1 or 5,558,158), have been canceled.

New independent claims 19, 30 and 31 recite the limitations that:

- there are two drain pans, a primary pan and a secondary pan
- Re: new claims 21 and 32, the pans are spaced apart with an airway between them to reduce condensation

The remaining claims, by dependency from new independent claims recite, these same limitations.

Neither Elmore reference has a teaching or suggestion of a pan or of two pans. Neither Elmore reference has a teaching or suggestion of an airway between two pans.

Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims discussed here recite novel subject matter patentable with respect to either Elmore reference.

§ 103 Rejection

Claims 14 and 16, rejected under § 103 based on either Elmore reference in view of Ma et al (U.S. 6,481,234 B2) have been cancelled. No new claims correspond to these now-canceled claims.

Specification

The noted text has been deleted from Pages 10 and 11 of the Specification and marked-up and clean pages are submitted herewith.

Double Patenting

Claim 17 was noted as possibly rejectable for double patenting based on Claim 16. Both Claim 16 and Claim 17 have been canceled and no new claims correspond to these now-canceled claims.

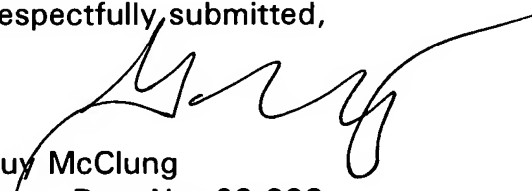
§ 112 Rejections

Claims 2 and Claims 12-14, rejected under § 112, have been canceled and no new claims correspond to these now-canceled claims.

Conclusion

Applicant appreciate the careful and detailed Office Action. This is intended to be a complete Response to the Office Action. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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